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In re application of: Mans et al.  
Serial Number: 09/554,733  
Filed: May 19, 2000  
For: SPONGE CLOTH BASED ON CELLULOSE AND  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

**DECISION  
ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the PETITION TO RESTART PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, filed July 2, 2002. The petition requests that the period for reply to the Office action dated March 12, 2002 be restarted.

**DECISION**

The instant PETITION is accepted as a petition, under 37 CFR 1.181(no fee), and is considered pursuant to MPEP 710.06 which relates to resetting the period for response due to late receipt of a PTO action. The requirements for such petitions are as follows:

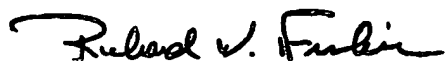
- A. the instant petition is filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address
- B. a substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt (e.g., at least 1 month of a 2- or 3-month reply period had elapsed); and
- C. the petition includes (1) evidence showing the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address and (2) a statement setting forth the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address and explaining how the evidence being presented establishes the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address.

A review of the application record and the petitioner's evidence indicates that the Office mailed the action to the address of record. It is noted that the address had not been changed in this application

prior to the filing of the petition. Applicant's evidence for change of address reveals that the address associated with the customer number 26633 has been changed. The instant application was not associated with that customer number until August of 2002.

Accordingly, applicant's request for restarting the period for reply to the Office action is denied, and the time for response continues to run from March 12, 2002, the date of mailing of the Office Action.

The Petition is **DENIED**.



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